

Chaddleworth Parish Council

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Minutes from the meeting on Tuesday 4 September 2018

Present : Cllr Murphy (Chair), Cllr Wilson (Vice Chair), Cllr Ballard, Cllr Mcallister. Cllr Mills and the Clerk K Lloyd. – (4 members of the public attended the meeting)

1. **Apologies - None**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Open Forum- un minuted**
4. **Minutes of the meeting of the 10 July 2018 to be agreed, proposed and signed.**
Cllr Wilson proposed and Cllr Mills seconded the minutes to be a true representation of the meeting. Cllr Murphy signed the minutes.
5. **Finance**
 - a) Bank Accounts

Balances 7 August 2018

Parish Council	£12,376.23
Bakers Trust	£7,607.56
Reserve Fund	£159.16
Football Field	£1,261.71

b) Cheques to approve in meeting

S/O	Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk)	£402.35
S/O	Mrs H Anderson (Litter picking)	£20.00
S/O	Chaddleworth Village Hall	£25.00
100517	Vale Press	£255.00
100518	S & S Management Services Ltd	£516.00
100519	GMG Services & Solutions Ltd (July Rota Cut & WM Hedge)	£400.00
100520	GMG Services * Solutions Ltd (August Rota cut)	£170.00

6. **Norris Lane footpath**

Cllr Murphy had been in communications with the land owner and WBC. WBC reported use of the footpath in vehicles would require private rights of access, which can be granted by the subsoil owner of the footpath. The District Council cannot advise on private access rights, but could become involved if the exercising of such rights was causing surface inconvenience for the public users (i.e. pedestrians).

The landowner was happy to work together with the Parish Council on the siting and erection of signage. The landowner said other than existing householders accessing Norris Lane and Alistair Cooper, within the terms of the tenancy agreement, there has not to the land owners knowledge granted any private rights of access over the footpath and would resist such usage.

Cllr Mills suggested putting up a gate/style at the end of the footpath, Cllr Murphy said it's a good idea but would need to seek permissions and to try to obtain a free style from WBC could be impossible, and who would than maintain it. Cllr Murphy will continue to correspond with WBC concerning signage and find out if a gate/style is an option.

Cllr Murphy

7. S106 Planning Contributions

The following is the contributions made to WBC for the development of The Ibex, So far the village has only been successful in getting the open space contribution to pay for a 'play area' at Glenn Miller Close. The outstanding money for highways work is scheduled to take place in 2019/20 to the road outside the Ibex.

Transport	£11,550 (scheduled)
Education	£9,950
Open Space	£3,206 (spent)
Libraries	£1,326
Social Care	£1,998
Waste Service	£168.60
Planning Admin Fee	£675

Cllr Murphy had a meeting with Sarah Ball in WBC back in January concerning some points. What Chaddleworth Parish Council (CPC) would like to see is a definitive statement regarding the criteria by which we can achieve the outstanding contributions for the other headings.

A reply from WBC stated CPC is not entitled to receive any of the developer contributions related to the development as it does not provide the services for which the payments have been made. Each of the contributions requested in the S106 must clearly state on what it is to be spent.

Cllr Murphy asked PC if they agreed for him to continue the correspondence with WBC and the media. All Councillors agreed.

Cllr Murphy pointed out to PC that if the money is not spent the money will be returned to the developer within 5 years of the payment.

Cllr Murphy

- 8. Devolution** Cllr Murphy reported more responsibility is going to be put onto Town/Parish Councils from the local Authority. Cllr Murphy did not know what the items were at this stage but is assuming PC will know more following the next District Parish Council Meeting on 6th November. Cllr Murphy will be attending; Cllr Wilson said he would also attend.

All Councillors agreed it is unfair to put more responsibility onto a Town/Parish Councillor as we are all volunteers and receive no money or even expenses for the time and dedication we give to looking after our community. More responsibility could sadly resolve in having no Parish Council.

9. **Wessex Saw Mill** The fight continues, Cllr Murphy obtained an FOI request to see the draft notes of Ms RC Kirby's inspection visit to the Sawmill Site on the 31st of October 2017. Cllr Murphy gave an update of his latest findings to PC. He also reported the objector group had been informed if WBC inspect and find all 15 conditions of the planning agreement application satisfactory it cannot be stopped!
10. **Home to School Transport** The fight continues, Cllr Murphy reported following Cllr Wilson obtaining an FOI request, it was found a staggering £15,200 is spent on transporting one pupil to King Alfred's School in Wantage (Oxfordshire) per year. This is due to the ludicrous new policy on transport being only paid if your child is enrolled in the nearest school.
- West of Chaddleworth falls outside the Downs School therefore all children have to pay for transport if they still want to attend the 'catchment school' the Downs. PC is still waiting for an answer from the educational department, when Cllr Murphy chased the letter he was informed they had not received it, Cllr Murphy since sent a second copy letter to them but this time with recorded delivery and is still waiting for a response. Cllr Murphy will write to NWN.
- Cllr Murphy also sadly reported the Saunders and Wynn Charity can no longer give applications for school transport due to all the money being spent on current applications due to this new policy.
- Cllr Murphy**

11. **Councillors Questions and Reports**

Cllr Mcallister reported he had attended the SID training session in August.

Cllr Wilson reported there was a lot of litter in the playground recently and proposed a litter bin to be re-installed. Cllr Mills suggested moving the litter bin from the WM which is not used as much for litter but more for dog waste and when dog waste is placed in a litter bin the contractors will not empty the bin. This would remove the problem. Cllr Murphy was inclined to leave the WM bin and purchase a new one for the playground, Cllr Wilson agreed. After a full discussion it was agreed to save further expense the bin would be removed from the WM and placed in the playground, the WM will be monitored for litter in the coming months and if a new bin is needed for the WM area one will be ordered. Cllr Wilson said he would move the litter bin to the playground, PC thanked Cllr Wilson.

Cllr Wilson

Cllr Ballard reported the fence posts in the playground were leaning, the Clerk was asked to contact GMG in first instance to see if they could provide a quote.

Cllr Mills said the Bark is going to require topping up around the multi play climbing areas, the Clerk said Great Shefford are having a new activity trail replaced and will enquire if any bark is being ordered.

Clerk

The Clerk was also asked to contact GMG to find out if they could provide a further quote to rectify the fence so 2 posts could be removed and perhaps fixed by a bolt to allow a lorry access to deliver the bark to the playground. Last time the current Councillors at that time and volunteers worked very hard in removing the bark from outside the playground to the climbers because of no access.

Clerk

12. Clerk's Correspondence

The Clerk was previously asked to contact GMG to request a second cut to the WM hedge. GMG reviewed the area and suggested a second cut in autumn or early spring to tidy the hedge up as cutting it back again now would leave it looking butchered. GMG said there would be no charge for this second cut.

The Clerk reported she had visited the playground (and many other playgrounds) over the summer holidays and always found bird waste on our swings, the Clerk noticed other playgrounds had bird guards above the swings leaving their swings clean. PC asked the Clerk to look at costs and report back.

Clerk

13. Matters for future consideration

None

14. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 2 October 2018

Close